

A New Horizon

PRESSING ON TOWARDS GOD'S FUTURE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2026

Howdy, Cornerstone Family!

Over the past months, your leadership has been praying, studying, and seeking the Lord's direction about our future. Out of that season of discernment comes the New Horizons Capital Campaign — a focused, three-year effort designed to strengthen our church for the next generation of ministry.

I want to speak to you plainly and pastorally about why this campaign matters and why the timing matters so much.

Why This Matters:

Right now, we carry \$1.05 million in land debt. Over time, we have already paid \$495,000 in interest alone. That is nearly half a million dollars that did not fund missions, discipleship, outreach, children's ministry, pastoral care, or community transformation. It serviced debt.

Every month, significant resources leave our operating budget to make debt payments. Those funds are faithful obligations — but they do not produce Kingdom growth. They do not expand ministry. They do not send missionaries. They do not disciple children. They do not strengthen marriages. They do not feed the hungry.

Imagine what could happen if those same dollars were released for ministry.

Imagine:

- Expanding discipleship initiatives.
- Strengthening children and youth ministries.
- Launching new outreach efforts.
- Supporting church planting or global missions.
- Increasing community benevolence.
- Investing in pastoral leadership development.
- Building reserves toward our future Sanctuary.

Debt limits agility.

Debt restricts vision.

Debt slows momentum.

Freedom multiplies ministry.

Why the Timing Is Urgent:

We are at a critical window.

Interest has already cost us dearly. Continuing to stretch this debt long-term will cost us even more. But if we act decisively now — together — we can eliminate this stagnant obligation within three years and permanently redirect those funds toward mission.

This is not about maintaining a building.

This is about unleashing ministry.

The timing is also strategic because we are stable, unified, and forward-looking. We are not reacting to crisis. We are proactively positioning ourselves for growth. That is a gift — and an opportunity.

What We Are Asking:

We are asking every member to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial, second-mile commitment to the New Horizons Capital Campaign over the next three years.

Second-mile giving is not casual generosity. It is intentional, prayerful, and stretched generosity. It is the kind of giving that says:

“Lord, what would You have me do beyond what I already do?”

Just as importantly, we are asking you not to reduce your current operating budget giving.

Our weekly and monthly offerings sustain the ministry happening right now — worship, missions, staff, programs, care, outreach. We cannot weaken today's ministry to secure tomorrow's freedom.

Instead, we are asking for something above and beyond — a dedicated, time-bound commitment for three years that accelerates us toward debt freedom.

The Ministry Multiplier:

Let me be clear: paying off debt is not the final goal. It is the gateway.

When this debt is retired:

- Those monthly payments remain in our budget.
- Those dollars no longer service interest.
- Those resources can be redirected toward active ministry.

That means permanent increase in ministry capacity without increasing operating strain.

Three years of sacrifice can create decades of expanded Kingdom impact.

This campaign is not about equal gifts. It is about equal sacrifice. Some will give large amounts. Some will give smaller amounts. But when we all lean in together, God multiplies what we place in His hands.

Worship and Witness:

Alongside debt elimination, we will also address necessary improvements in our worship space — chairs, paint, and a more fitting altar — so that the place where we gather weekly reflects beauty, dignity, and hospitality.

But even these improvements serve a deeper purpose: creating an environment where people encounter Christ, where families are formed in faith, and where guests sense reverence and warmth.

Everything we are doing is ordered toward worship and mission.

An Invitation:

This campaign is not fundamentally financial. It is spiritual.

It is an invitation to:

- **Trust God boldly.**
- **Invest eternally.**
- **Think generationally.**
- **Walk the second mile.**

In three years, I want us to stand together and say:

“We did this — by God’s grace — and now look what He is doing through us.”

- Freedom from debt.
- Expanded ministry.
- Stronger witness.
- Greater impact.

I am asking you to pray deeply. Talk as a family. Ask the Lord what faithfulness looks like for you over the next three years. And then step forward in courage.

The horizon before us is bright. Let’s walk toward it together.

Grace and peace,



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